

## SPEED HUMP APPLICATION CHECKLIST



***Speed humps* are raised curved traffic calming devices that are 12 feet long, and 3 to four inches high. They reduce traffic by 40-60% and reduce the number of collisions on a street. Speed humps are the preferred alternative to speed bumps since they are less likely to damage vehicles or contribute to road departures due to their size and shape.**

Below is a description of the requirements, policies, and procedures governing the installation of speed humps, which are located in Chapter 18 Art. I Section 18-9 of the Terrebonne Parish Code of Ordinances.

Speed humps:

- May not be installed on blocks or streets less than 600 feet in length. (A block less than 600 feet may qualify if a continuation of the street extends beyond the block's intersection at least 100 feet.)
- Cannot be within 150 feet of an intersection or near a curve or other feature that may obstruct the driver's or pedestrian's view of the hump from less than 200 feet.
- Cannot abut or obstruct driveways, hydrants, drain inlets, or other infrastructure.
- Cannot be installed on a road with planned repairs or maintenance.
- Must have a minimum of 300 feet between humps.
- Must be installed on streets with a 25 mph or less speed limit.
- Will only be considered on minor or local streets in residential areas.

### **Step 1**

If the location meets the above criteria, you must provide:

- Proposed location (block/segment of street)
- Primary contact (area resident/councilperson)
- Secondary contact (area resident)
- Defined area of installation
- Type: new speed hump, relocation, or removal
- *Note: the application is located at [mypermitnow.org](http://mypermitnow.org) under Speed Hump Application*

Step 1 procedure:

1. Submit the application to the Planning and Zoning Permit Office using [mypermitnow.org](http://mypermitnow.org).
2. The Planning and Zoning Department and the Department of Public Works will review the application to determine if the proposed location(s) are eligible.
3. The Parish or South Central Planning and Development may conduct a traffic speed study to determine if the speeds are in excess of the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile (i.e. more than 15% of the vehicles drive above the posted speed limit, making the speed hump warranted, as set forth in the safety criteria established by the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration). Speed studies are done over a period of three weeks.
4. If the traffic study criteria are met, Staff will present an ordinance to the Parish Council for consideration, and call for the speed hump installation as well as a public hearing (hold over period is a minimum of 14 days).
5. If the application is eligible, you will be asked to collect signatures from at least a 2/3 majority of households in the impact area. The impact area and the properties within it will be provided to the applicant by the Staff.

**Step 2**

1. Collect signatures of support from at least a 2/3 majority of the households in the area (no more than 1 owner or tenant per household)
2. *Note: upload the signatures of support to [mypermitnow.org](http://mypermitnow.org)*

Step 2 procedure:

1. Submit the signatures to the Planning and Zoning Permit Office using [mypermitnow.org](http://mypermitnow.org).
2. If eligible, the Planning and Zoning Department will hold a public hearing to discuss the speed hump.
3. After the public hearing, if approved the Council, the Department of Public Works will install the speed hump as schedule allows. Installations will be completed in the order that they are submitted.
4. If the ordinance is denied by the Council, no application for speed humps in the same area can be made for at least one year from the date of denial by Council.
5. After the first year, if the Parish receives a petition from at least 50% of residents in the area or the installation of the speed hump causes unforeseen negative consequences, the Parish may remove the speed hump. By Parish Ordinance, if the speed hump is removed, no applications for speed humps in the same location will be accepted for a period of one year from the removal date.

*Note: The Parish will limit the installation to no more than five speed humps per council district per fiscal year. Council members may agree to transfer their allotted speed humps from their district to other council districts within the fiscal year.*

**Removal Application**

1. Provide the same information as the initial application
2. Collect signatures from at least 50% of residents in the impacted area
3. *Note: Fill out a Speed Hump Relocation/Removal application on [mypermitnow.org](http://mypermitnow.org) and upload the petition to the application*
4. Removal must be presented to the Parish Council for consideration by Ordinance

## Maintenance and Guidelines:

- The Parish shall install and maintain speed humps as follows:
  - Speed humps will be marked with paint and signs as per MUTCD standards, coincide with available street lighting, and will be monitored for maintenance needs.
  - After installation, traffic will be monitored to record positive/negative impacts.
  - If residents would like the speed hump removed after the first year, follow the same procedure as the installation, but only 50% of residents in the area need to petition.
  - Variance: some exceptions may be allowed for placement of speed humps in proximity to parks, playgrounds, schools, or churches. Any request for exception must provide a detailed narrative describing the need for a speed hump.
- Speed hump applications must follow the following guidelines:
  - Parish Policy states that any residents requesting installation of speed humps must first file a request with the Parish.
  - Speed hump installation is determined by:
    - Length of the block or street segment and absence of other traffic calming devices. Speed humps:
      - May not be installed on blocks or streets less than 600' in length. (A block less than 600 feet may qualify if a continuation of the street extends beyond the block's intersection at least 100 feet.)
      - Cannot be within 150 feet of an intersection or near a curve or other feature that may obstruct the driver's or pedestrian's view of the hump from less than 200 feet.
      - Cannot abut or obstruct driveways, hydrants, drain inlets, or other infrastructure.
      - Cannot be installed on a road with planned repairs or maintenance.
      - Must have a minimum of 300 feet between humps.
      - Must be installed on streets with a 25 mph or less speed limit.
      - Will only be considered on minor or local streets in residential areas.
      - Volume and speed of traffic along the segment or block.
      - Traffic volume along the designated area must not be lower than 85% of the average daily trips in a residential area. The Parish may utilize DOTD correction factors when determining average daily trips.
      - The 85th percentile speed along a street segment must exceed the posted limit by at least 5 mph.
      - Speed humps can only be placed on local streets. The Parish shall not place speed humps on state or federal highways.
      - Speed humps cannot be placed in a commercial or industrial area, and must be in residential areas only.
      - Speed humps cannot be installed on a transit route or emergency service route. Transit routes include:
        - NSU Route – W. Main Street
        - Local Blue Route – Martin Luther King, W. Tunnel, Civic Center
        - City of Thibodaux Route – Plantation Rd, Highway 3185, Tiger Drive, St. Mary St, St. Patrick St, Westover, N. Canal Blvd, St. Charles St, Back St, Sanders St, Iris St
        - North Bayou Route – W. Park Ave and E. Park Ave, W. Main St and E. Main St
        - Grand Caillou Route – W. Park Ave, Williams Ave., Honduras St., E. Tunnel Blvd, N. Van Ave., Grand Caillou Rd., East St., E. Park Ave
        - South Bayou Route – W. Park Ave, Main St, E. Main St., Carolyn Ave., Grand Caillou Rd., E. Park Ave